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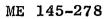
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On March 1, 1976, U. S. District Judge HARRY
W. WELLFORD, Memphis, ordered that
would not be tried on obstruction of justice charges
along with the individuals and corporations indicted for
conspiracy in the interstate transportation of the alleged
obscene movie, 'Deep Throat". Judge WELLFORD did not set a
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On March 1, 1976, a jury trial commenced in U. S.
District Court, Memphis, Tennessee, before Judge WELLFORD.
This trial involved three separate indictments numbered
CR-74-124, 75-91, and 75-99, charging the below listed
individuals and corporations with the nationwide conspiracy
to transport in interstate commerce an obscene motion picture
film, i.e., 'Deep Throat".
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On April 30, 1976, the jury returned verdicts
outlined against all defendants as follows:
Count one involves violation of Title 18, U. S.
Code, Section 371. Count two involves violation of Title
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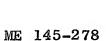
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Number 12: - Count One - Guilty, Count Two - Not Guilty;
Number 13: Count One - Guilty; Count Two - Not Guilty;
Number 14: Inc Count One - Guilty, Count Two - Guilty;
Number 15: Old Bridge, New Jersey Count One - Guilty;
Number 16: Fort Lauderdale, Florida Count One - Guilty.
Following convictions, U. S. District Judge HARRY W. WELLFORD imposed the following restrictions on subjects:
Number Cne: All subjects to surrender U. S. passports;
Number Two: to surrender his passport or post \$20,000 cash bond;
Number Three: seven days to surrender passport or place \$20,000 secured bond;
Number Four: HERBERT STREICHER surrender passport or \$10,000 secured bond.



U. S. District Judge WELLFORD ordered that none of the subjects should be permitted to leave the United States without first filing a detailed itinerary with the court.

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During the course of the above trial, defendant suffered a heart attack; and Judge WELLFORD declared a mistrial as to him.
On April 30, 1976, Assistant U. S. Attorney supra, advised U. S. District Judge ROBERT
M. MC RAE, JR., has set October 4, 1976, as the date of trial regarding the film, "The Devil in Miss Jones". Those individua to be tried regarding "Devil" are as follows:
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The above individuals involved with "Devil" are to stand trial on indictment returned by the Federal Grand Jury in Memphis on June 12, 1975, charging one count violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 371, and one count violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1465 and 2. This indictment is filed under number CR-75-90.





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Three Poin Merchants Who Were X-ed Out

By DICK BRASS

Jack Molinas, Paul Rothenberg and Tony Gaetano had something in common.

All of them, a Post investigation showed, worked for mobsters in the pornography trade. They became entangled in business disputes. And they were murdered as a result.

"Anyone who thinks that mobsters can run a business without violence is just plain stupid," a federal official familiar with these cases said. "Organized frime is heavily involved in pornography and it is not unreasonable that we should find a few dead pornographers now and then."

The Los Angeles police found Jack Molinas, shot dead in the back of the head, in the early morning hours of Aug. 3. He had been showing a former girl friend the view from his Hollywood Hills home when he was shot—apparently by an assailant hidden on the premises.

Molinas is best remembered as the Columbia University basketball star who was convicted for fixing games in the 1950s point-shaving secondal. He served five years in

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prison for his gambling actirities.

But, according to police, here and in Los Angeles, Molinas was also deeply involved with reputed underworld figures in the pornography business.

"There is no question in my mind that Molinas was murdered by the mob and pornography could well have been the reason," an organized crime specialist with the Los Angeles Police Dept. said. 'He had the habit of screwing up everyone he dealt with."

Molinas, according to police and FBI sources, was closely associated with Michnel Zaffarano, an alleged captain in the Joseph Bonnand crime family and a distrib. utor of porn films with offices here and in Hollywood!

Used Offices

Zaffarano, sources say, allowed Molinas to use his offices. In addition, Zaffarano's young business partner, Stu Segall, lived next door to Molinas in Hollywood.

Some federal authorities believe that Molinas became involved in a dispute within the mob's pornography busiriess. They place in one fac-

other, Anthony and Louis his felony obscenity charges Peraino, father and son, and stemming from the raid. reputed members of the Colombo crime family.

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The Perainos have been named in a federal indictment handed down in Memphis in June for their role in the interstate distribution of "Deep Throat." Police officials have also linked the elder Peraino with threats of violence in attempts to extort distribution rights to other porn flicks.

Paul Rothenberg, 42, was found sprawled in an alley near Roslyn, L. I., on the morning of July 29, 1973. He had been shot twice in the head and members of the New York Police Dept.'s Organized Crime Control Bureau think they know why.

Less than a month before, on July 5, Rothenberg's film processing lab at 75 Spring St. in Lower Manhattan was raided by police. Hundreds of pornographic films valued at about \$500,000 were seized.

Police believed Rothenberg's operation was in fact tightly controlled by members of the Gambino crime family. It was suggested to Rothenberg, police told The Post, that he cooperate with authorities in return for tion Zaffarano and in the leniency in the treatment of

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Rothenberg's lawyer, according to a source, told police in July 1973 that his client "expressed the possibility of cooperating with police with respect to an ongoing extortion investigation of . . . the Gambino people."

Killed Near Home

Not long after that, Rothenberg was murdered as he left his home in Sands Point. L. I. to buy a newspaper and a cup of coffee at a diner. His body was found about 40 feet from his Cadillache was apparently forced to walk down the alley where he was shot.

About five months after the murder, police say, a reliable informant told the Organized Crime Control Bureau that Rothenberg's murder had been ordered by a Gambino soldier after Rothenberg foolishly boasted that he might cooperate with police.

"We have several good, hard leads in the case," said Lt. Jim Short of the Nassan County Police Dept. "But we don't have enough to bring it to court."

Tony Gaetano's body las never been found. But, his car was found in Cincinnata in November 1974 - raked with bullets and smeared with blood.

Theatre Manager

Tony Gaetano - or Philip Mainer, as police believe he was actually named-worked as the manager of a porn theater in Euffalo. According to police and porn industry sources, Mainer was hired by hoodlums associated with Harry Peraino to steal a copy of a movie playing in his theater in September 1974.

The movie was titled "The Life and Times of Xaviera Hollander" and the apparent purpose of the theft was to allow mobsters to copy the film and circulate "pirate" prints in an effort to force the movie's distributor to pay protection money to the mobsiers to halt the unhuthorized distribution.

Ultimately, the extortion plot fell through. The stolen copy was recovered during a raid of an underworld film lab here last December. Other unauthorized copies of the film began to circulate, but rather than pay, Robert Sumner, a theater owner here and the legal distributor of the movie, blocked the showings through costly court actions.

Frightened of possible legal consequences, according to police sources, Mainer was reportedly considering cooperating with law enforcement authorities in their investigation of the pirating when he disappeared.

"There is a good chance," according to one police of itcer, "that he will never be found."

Flow the Mob Moved Into Times Square

By DICK BRASS

Police and prosecutors here are at odds over what to do about the continuing involvement of organized crime in the multimillion dollar pornography trade.

The prosecutors contend it is their policy to move vigorously against porn operations whenever underworld interest is detected.

But police officials have told The Post this just isnt so. They complain that well-known mobsters have moved into key positions within the Times Square pornography capital, sometimes resorting to extortion and even murder.

"You wouldn't believe the things that go on —shakedowns, all sorts of rough stuff," said Det. Sgt. Joseph Horman of the Police Dept.'s Organized Crime Control Bureau. "The mob owns Times Square."

The problem is aggravated, police maintain, by the apparent spreading of organized crime's influence from pornography to legitimate areas of the motion picture business.

A three-month investigation by The Post indicated that, although there are many porn entrepreneurs without mob connections, a number of reputed molifiers have indeed become deeply enmeshed in the production and distribution of pornographic material.

These people, according to police and federal auth-

Milies, include:

I Michael Zaffarano, a 55-year-old producer of feature-length poin films, who is allegedly a captain in the crime family of Joseph Bonanco. He has an afrest record dating to 1947 for assault, robbery and possession of pornographic film and served seven years in prison following a 1959 conviction for transporting stolen securities.

Zaffarano was, until recently, said to be involved in the production and distribution of eight-millimeter poin films for home showing. In September 1973, a \$500,000 stag-film factory in Queens that he allegedly headed was raided by the FBI.

One year later, as hard-core features became more popular and profitable, Zaffarano, with an acquaintaine, formed the firm of Stu Segall Associates, with offices here, at 1600 Broadway, and in Hollywood.

The firm's major project so far has been the production of the popular poin flick "Defiance," which graphically depicted the degradation and sexual enslavement of a teenage girl.

Zaffaraño describes himself as Just another bush fressman. "The past is the past," he said during a t thterview, when his prison record came up. Now, he adds, "I have no crime connections whatsoever." 4 § Anthony and Joseph Persino, brothers and rebuted high-ranking members of the Columbo crime

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Business card shows Michael Zaffarano's connec-

family. The Perainos, law-enforcement officials say, employed "front men" and operatives to establish companies, acquire rights, and distribute pornographic movies.

Among these films, police say, are "Deep Throat" find "The Devil and Miss Jones," considered the two host profitable porn features to date. Anthony Parlino, recently reported ill in a London hospital, is said to have provided an initial \$25,000 to produce "Deep

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ble aged ex-convict with re- thony Peraino, according to puted Mafia ties, who is said law-enforcement officials. by law-enforcement officials to be one of the Peralnos' principal operatives.

DeSalvo was named with the Perainos in a federal indictment handed down in Memphis in June, charging interstate transportation of obscene material, a felony, in distribution of the films "Deep Throat" and "Miss Jones."

Extortion Plots

DeSalvo has also been linked to alleged extortion plots within the porn industry.

First, according to police, DeSalvo attempted to acquire the distribution rights to "Behind the Green Door."

When the Mitchell brothers, who produced the film, refused, unauthorized reproductions of the film turned up in several theaters throughout the country.

Later, DeSalvo became in**vol**ved in an attempt to take control of the distribution of another film, 'The Life and Times of Xaviera Hollander."

When Robert Sumner, a theater owner and film distributor here refused to relinquish the rights to the film, unauthorized "pirated" copies were leased to theaters across the nation.

Police raiding Scotchwood Quality Service Inc., an alleged underworld film laboratory at 533 W. 47th St. last December, said they found a pirated copy of the Hollander film and an order for more.

The lab was operated by Archie Cavelli, who-according to the Memphis indictment-did lab work for the Perainos in the production, of "Deep Threat."

The order, police said, was! niade by Robert DeSalvo through a front firm. De-1

Michael Cherubino, an q Robert DeSalvo, a mid-i associate and in-law of An-

> Like DeSalvo, Cherubino allegedly operated as a front man for the Peraino Interests. The Memphis indictments named Cherubino as a co-defendant in the distribution of "Deep Throat" and "Miss Jones."

> Cherubino allegedly performed various tasks for the Perainos, including bookkeeping, banking and generál óverseeing.

CLouis Peraino, the son of Anthony Peraino and a principal owner of "Deep Throat." Louis Peraino, according to sources in the interest in the film from its for \$25,000 or less—after an alleged threat if Damiano refused the offer

formed here. Its president is : And have. And will." Louis Peraino. His brother Joseph is a vice president.

The firm, financed with lice official. porn profits, according to

Salvo is believed to be hid- 'law-enforcement' officials, distributes such legitimate films as "The Texas Chain Saw Massacre," Andy Warhole's "Frankenstein" and "Dracula," and the controversial feature-length cartoon about ghetto life, "Coonskin."

> Police estimate the firm's income in excess of \$15 million. Variety put the figure at \$20 million.

"What bothers me - what really bothers me - is that the prosecutors here aren't doing a thing about these people, despite their mob connections, despite their pornography and despite the prosecutors' policy," complained one police officer, who asked not to be identified.

According to John F. porn industry, purchased an Keenan, the Chief Asst. DA in Manhattan, "Any time director, Gerard Damiano, there is an indication that organized crime is involved in the distribution of the material or its preparation In 1972, a firm called or operation and manage-Bryantston Distributors was ment, we seek to prosecute.

"I don't understand it-I just don't," answered a po-

"Right up front Michael

Zaffarano has distributed a pornographic picture and nothing has happened . . .".

Privately, at least one ase sistant DA has conceded his office is not fully following its anti-organized crime policy. He blamed a manpower; shortage for the failure.

"Prosecution of this type involves a tremendous amount. of litigation that frequently leads nowhere," he said.

"People complain about the number of robberies and murders. We just don't have the resources."

Recently, police officials concede, the Manhattan DA's office has made some steps toward a crackdown on pornography.

Two weeks ago, a raid was authorized by the DA's office in which films showing sex between adults and children were confiscated. Last Friday, a similar raid in Times Square netted copies of bestiality films and resulted in five arrests.

"It's a start," rumbled on? police official here.

"But we have a long way to go before you could say we're prosecuting effective-

Organized Crime Reaps Huge Profits From Dealing in Pornographic Films

By NICHOLAS GAGE

Organized crime has heavily infiltrated the pornographic film business and is reaping! huge profits from such suc-Rainbow."

Mafia money and Mafia mem-, dollars without any investment, influence." bers are involved in many as- The popularity of such films. Although some filmmakers some theaters.

share in the film-for example, "Behind the Green Door" and centers.

This is the first of two arand periodicals.

pects of the business, including has provided a tremendous new say that Captain Hepburn's the financing and distribution source of revenue for organized predictions are exaggerated; of films and the ownership of crime. Hard-core films are there are many indications that playing in hundreds of theaters: his basic pessimism is well In instances where they dc across the country—not only in founded. not have a direct financial ban communities and shopping of the porno newspaper Screw,

Turning 'Legitimate'

of these pornographic films-both porno and legitimate "Deep Throat" has to date made films. roughly \$25-million—has given: So far they have produced several porno moviemakers or distributed, in addition to with Mafia connections the hard-core pornography, the money to go into the production, successful soft-core film "Flesh and distribution of legitimate Gordon," which grossed \$14 filres. Continued on Page 68, Colump 1

"If the trend continues, these ticles on underworld involve- people are going to become a ment in pornographic films major force in the movie industry within a few years," said Capt. Lawrence Hepburn of

cesses as "Deep Throat," "The Life and Times of Xa-the New York Police Depart-Pavil in Miss Jones" and "Wet viera Hollander" - organized ment's organized crime divicrime figures have simply pi sion. "The movie business is An investigation by The New rated the film and distributed it going to be like the garment York Times has found that illegally, earning millions of pusiness, riddled with Mafia

has formed a company with his brothers David and Fred-Moreover, the great success rick to produce and distribute

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million according to the Bucklys, and such nonpornographic films as "Saturday Night at the Baths" and the forthcoming "Bambina," which stars Irene Pappas.

The three Buckleys, who say that their goal is to make the Buckley brothers bigger than Warner Brothers some day, openly acknowledge their dealings with Mafia members, who book their films into theaters. In fact, they say, they prefer to deal with the Mafia.

"We're pro Mafia around here," said David Buckley.

James Buckley spelled out some reasons for that preference: "Mafia guys keep their word. When they make a deal, they stick to it and they pay you up front. We've been waiting eight months for \$10,000 that a major theater chain owes us. Every time we call them we get a runaround, but nobody in the Mafia owes us money."

Despite the Buckleys' enthusiasm for the Maria, some members of the porno industry who have been involved with organized crime have found themselves threatened or even murdered.

Jack Molinas, the former Columbia University basketball star, was shot to death in the backyard of his Hollywood Hills home on Aug. 3 and a woman friend with him was wounded. Law-enforcement officials say Mr. Molinas, who had served five years in prison for fixing basketball games, was involved with Mafia members in the distribution and production of pornographic films both in Los Angeles and New York.

Last October a man named Philip Mainer disappeared in Youngstown, Ohio, and later his car was discovered with bloodstains on the seat. He has never been found. Mr. Mainer had been involved with several Mafia-connected distributors of pornographic films and, according to a police report, was billieved to have been killed because his associates thought he was informing on them.

Threats and Thefts

In addition to murder, Mafia flembers use threats and robbery to increase their profits and convince filmmakers to deal with them. A popular method is to tell a film producer that if he deals with a particular distributor he will be protected from having his film pirated (copied and shown without authorization) but if he refuses to deal he will suffer grave consequences.

The major Mafia figures involved in the distribution and production of hard-core pornographic films, according to law enforcement officials, are Michael Zaffarano, Joseph Gentile, and Anthony and Joseph Peraino.

Michael Zaffarano, who is listed by the Justice Department as a captain in the Mafia family of Joseph Bonanno, was involved in the production and distribution of eight-millimeter porno films several years ago when such films were sold underground.

When the prosecution of obscenity-law violations slack-ened and hard-core feature films became successful, Mr. Zaffarano went openly into the production and distribution of porno films both here and on the West Coast.

1 The company he has priinarily been involved in is St's segall Associates, which has offices at 1600 Broadway in stanhattan and 8564 Melross Avenue in Hollywood, Mr. Zaffarano, who owns a theater in Washington, was a produce of a hard-core feature called "Defiance," whose showings were stopped by court order when it was disclosed that its leading actress, Jean Jennings, was a minor.

One of Mr. Zamarano's associates in Hollywood was Jack Molinas, the former basketball star who was shot to death last Aug. 3.

According to law enforcement officials, Joseph Gentile, reputedly an active member of the Joseph Colombo Mafia family, was never "made"—formally initiated into the Mafia—but has been a big moneymaker for the family and holds a special place in it.

Mr. Gentile, who also is known as Joe Lane, prefers to finance the production of pornographic films quietly, using legitimate producers as front men. Only when a crisis occurs does Mr. Gentile emerge from the shadows to show his involvement in particular films.

Some months ago, for example, Mrs. Chelley Wilson, who owns several theaters and a distributing company here, booked the film "Wet Rainbow" into her Cameo Theater on Eighth Avenue. When a dispute arose between Mrs. Wilson and the producers of the film concerning; some advertising fees, the producers said they had to calk in their "principal" to negotiate a settlement, according to a company employe. He said the man who showed up for the meeting was Joseph Gentile.

Employed Front Men

Most successful of all the Mafia figures involved in the production and distribution of hard-core films are Anthony L and Joseph Peraino, brothers who are listed by the Justice Department as "made" members of the Mafia family of Joseph Colombo.

Authorities say the Perainos have employed front men, usually individuals who have been associated with their Maiia family, but who were not actual members, to set up a series of companies in Florida and New Jersey to distribute films in which the Perainos had an interest and to pirate successful films made by others.

The main front man the Perainos have used for the last three years has been 39-year-old Robert J. DeSalvo, an ex-convict who set up several distributing companies in New Jersey, where he was born, and in Florida, where he lived until legal problems forced him recently to flee to the Bahamas.

Court papers filed in a Federal obscenity case in Memphis, which is still pending, show that while Mr. DeSalvo and his associates set up these companies, the Perainos controlled many of them by having their bwn accountant on the scene, by securing access to company bank accounts or by personally directing company operations.

Assumes Direct Control

For example, according to the Memphis court papers, Mr. De-Salvo set up Shore Distributors in Spring Lake, N. J., on Nov. 26, 1973, but when the company's fortunes failed to blossom in the next seven months, Joseph Peraino moved in and assumed direct control of operations.

Mr. DeSalvo tried to secure distribution rights to successful pornographic films for the various companies he set up by telling producers that he could keep the films from being pirated. If the producers turned him down, according to records, his companies would then proceed to pirate the films.

One producer who decided to let Mr. DeSalvo distribute his film was Herbert Nitke, who financed the making of the commercially successful film. "The Devil in Miss Jones." The film was written and directell by Gerard Damiano, who had previously made "Deep Throat."

The film was completed in carly 1973. That summer Mr. Nitke reached an agreement with Mr. DeSalvo, giving him control of the distribution of "The Devil in Miss Jones."

One of the companies set up to handle the distribution was the AMMA Corporation, which was established in Florida on Aug. 20, 1973. A few months later, according to a Federal indictment filed in the Memphis case, "Michael Cherubino, acting for and on behalf of Anthony Peraino, assumed the nonofficial position of bookkeeper—nonsupervisory overseer at AMMA Corporation.

All Are Indicted

Mr. Nitke, Mr. DeSalvo, Mr. Cherubino and the Perainos were all named in the Federal indictment returned in Memphis. Mr. Nitke and several of his associates in the making of "The Devil in Miss Jones" also have been indicted on state obscenity charges in White Plains, For distributing the film. Both cases are pending.

Unlike Mr. Nitke, several major producers and primary distributors of hard-core films, have refused to turn them over to Mafia-connected companies for distribution and have paid for their defiance.

In 1973 two San Francisco-based brothers, Arthur and James Mitchell, produced a film called "Behind the Green Door." The film quickly became very successful, especially after it was revealed that its star, Marilyn Chambers, was the same blonde who portrayed a wholesome young mother on the Ivory Soap boxes.

In October of that year the Mitchell brothers said they were visited by two men named Robert DeSalvo and James Bochis, who said that they wanted to obtain national distribution rights to the film for one of their companies, Gulf Distributors, based in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

"He wanted to distribute our film, offering us a 50-50 split," said Arthur Mitchell, who is 29. "We told him that we had already made distribution arringements. They said that if we didn't give them the filta, pirated versions of it would be playing around the country in a' week."

'A Bad Reputation'

"We turned them down," Mr. Mitchell continued, "but a couple of weeks later they called back and made another effort. We turned them down again and a short time later pirated versions of the film started playing in major cities all across the country. We obtained restraining orders, but before we could stop them they hurt us badly. They wiped out several key markets for us: Miami, Dallas, Las Vegas."

He charged that the copies of the film distributed by Gulf were not only pirated, but also were of such poor quality that customers walked out "and our film got a bad reputation."

Mr. DeSalvo and Gulf Distributors also wanted the distribution rights to the film "The Life and Times of Xaviera Hollander," but the world distribution rights had already been assigned to a man named Robert Sumner. He began distributing the film on Dec. 4, 1974, and sold rights for a five-wiek engagement to five theaters in upstate New York owned by Herbert Nitke, who had financed "The Devil in Miss Jones."

A few days later Mr. Nitke informed Mr. Summer that the manager of his theater in Buffulo had disappeared with ta dopy of the film. The manager, who was known as Don Gaitano, had been recommended to Mr. Nitke for the job by Robert DeSalvo. Mr. Gaitano's real name, it turned out, was Philip Mainer, the man who later disappeared in Youngstown, Ohio.

The involvement of Robert DeSalvo in the pirating of the film was demonstrated on Dec. 12, 1974, when police raided a film-processing laboratory at 533 West 47th Street. In the lab they found a pirated print of "The Life and Times of Xaviera Hollander" and an order for 103 more prints. The lorder had been placed by Mr. DeSalvo's company, Gulf Distributors.

Mr. Sumner's problems in distributing "The Life and Times of Xaviera Hollander" were only beginning. Shortly after the theft, he said he received a call from Ernest Grecula, owner of the Art Cinema in Hartford, Conn., who had bought the right to show the film in his area. Mr. Grecula complained that a competing theater nearby was advertising the same film.

Pirated Versions Appeared

Mr. Sumner said he called the other theater and was told by its owner that he had bought the film from Gulf Distributors. And when Mr. Grecula started advertising the film for his own theater, he said he began receiving telephoned threats that his theater would he bombed and he would be hurt if he opened the movie. Mr. Grecula decided hot to run the film.

After the Hartford incident, pirated versions of "The Life and Times" began appearing all over the country while theater owners showing the authorized version received threats similar to those which had frightened Mr. Grecula,

In an effort to stop the pirating, Mr. Sumner obtained injunctions against the unauthorized showing of the film. He then received a telephone call from a man who, according to Mr. Sumner, identified himself as a Mr. Putro, a representative of Gulf, and said, "You better not interfere with our bookings or you're going to get your legs broken."

Mr. Sumner declined to discuss the threatening phone call in an interview, but he had earlier told the police that he recidenized the voice of the caller as that of a Robert Bernstein of Gulf Distributors, an associlate of Robert DeSalvo, Mr. Bernstein and Mr. DeSalvo could not be reached for comment.

Federal agents and police believe that Mr. DeSalvo was working for Anthony and Joseph Peraino, the Colombo family members, in pirating and distributing ventures. The Peraino brothers have been involved in the production and selling of obscene materials for many years, long before phrnographic films became legal and fashionable.

According to law-enforceraent officials, it was Anthony Peraino who originally put up \$25,000 to produce "Deigy Throat," the most successful pornographic film of them ail. Robert DeSalvo ultimately wing given national distribution rights for the film and an associate of his said during a recent telephone interview, "Tony Peraino owns 'Deep Throat.'"

"Deep Throat" was made by an organization called Gerard Damiano Productions, owned originally by Louis Peraino, son of Anthony Peraino, and Gerard Damiano, who directed the film. "Deep Throat" was filmed in Miami in January, 1972. When the cast and crew traveled to Miami, Anthony J. Peraino, Louis's father and a Colombo family member, traveled with them.

When the film was released and began to make money, Louis Peraino bought out the interest of Gerard Damiano for \$25,000.

When a reporter remarked to Mr. Damiano that he seemed to have received unfúvorable terms in the dedl. Mr. Damiano replied, "I can't talk about it." When the reporter persisted, Mr. Damiano said, "You want me to get both my legs broken?"

Louis Peraino declined through his lawyer to discuss the film, but he has previously justified the amount paid to Mr. Damiano by saying, "he was compensated what he asked for—\$25,000. He was even asked to stay. This was his decision."

Louis Peraino has used profits from "Deep Throat" to help establish a company called Bryanston Distributors, which has become a major distributor of legitimate motion pictures. Among the films the company has distributed are Andy Warhol's "Frankenstein" and "Dracula." "The Texas Chain Saw Massacre," and the new Frank Bakshi movie "Coonskin." Variety has estimated Bryanston's gross income for last year as \$20-million.

Louis Peraino is president of Bryanston and his brother Joseph is vice-president and secretary-treasurer. A spokesman for Louis Peraino insisted that neither his father Anthony nor his uncle Joseph is in any way involved with Bryanston.

Pornographic Periodicals Tied to Organized Crime

By NICHOLAS GAGE

Nearly all of the major hard-who we deal with," he said. core pornographic newspapers "No legitimate distributor will and periodicals in the Uniteditouch us. I'd deal with Hitler States are distributed by com-if I had to. I'll deal with anyone panies controlled by organized I can do business with." crime members, according to Screw is published by Milky law enforcement officials, un- Way Productions, Inc., which derworld figures and some of was founded in 1968 by Mr. the newspaper owners them-Goldstein and James Buckley,

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In an interview, Al Gold-tribution of all of them. stein, publisher and editor of These papers had difficulty Screw, openly discussed the finding distributors when they ties of the two companies that started and ultimately turned distribute these papers.

who recently gave up his in-The largest of these publica-terest to his partner to devote tions is Screw, a weekly tab- his time to producing and dis-

The liberalization of city. state and Federal obsenity. two articles on underworld laws has spawned dozens of involvement in pornographic papers containing sexually explicit articles and pictures. They bear such names as Bleazure, circulation of 85,000. The total Hooker, San Francisco Ball, circulation of the dozen lead- Whips & Chains, Hot Stuff and ing pornographic papers, all Smut. According to law endistributed by the same two forcement officials, Mafia members are involved in the dis-

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to companies connected with firganized crime.

Police officials and Federal ligents who have been investigating organized-crime involvement in the pornography industry said that publishers of such publications had to give these companies a higher share of profits than is customary or an outright interest in their papers to obtain distribution.

Mr. Goldstein, who is 39 years old, said that neither of the two distributors he dealt with owned any interest in Screw, but he said that he paid them much higher rates than regular publications paid.

Most pornographic papers are distributed nationally by a company called Star Distributors, which is situated at 150 Lafayette Street, in Mannattan. In New York City, distribution of pernographic papers is mainly-handled by Astro News, with offices at 118 Eighth Street in Blooklyn.

Both Star Distributors and Astro News have strong Malia ties, according to law-enforcement officials and underworld

sources.
The officers of Star Distributors are Theodore Rothstein,
president; Robert DiBernardo,
vice president, and Nathan
Cramer, secretary-treasurer. Mr.
DiBernardo is listed by the New
York police and the Justice Department as a member of the
Mafia family of Sam DeCavalcante, which is based in New
Jersey.

Shipments for Cash

"-"Star originally was operated by Theodore Rothstein, ." says a report of the State Investigation Commission. "Its operations, according to one witness, were severely hamrièred by its need for cash. Shipments to Star were on a hasis of cash payments, whereas most firms at that time received materials on a consignment basis." """However, Star's financial position and credit rating suddenly improved and it began receiving merchandise on consilinment," the report said. "Along with this financial change came a new corporate officer, Robert DiBernardo. It was also clear, according to one witness, that in all subsequent business transactions. DiBernardo had the last word in Star."

Astro News, the major New York distributor for porno papers, is operated by Richard A. DiMatteo, who is listed by the police as a member of the Galio faction of the Joseph Colombo crime family. Feter Diapoulas, a member of the Gallo group for 15 years until his recent defection, said Mr. Fimatteo was the "front" lit Astro News for Albert Gallo, the leader of the Gallo group who actually controls the company.

Fear at Newstands -

The experience of Milky Way Productions in distributing Screw follows the pattern of most companies publishing pornographic newspapers.

When Screw was first published, distributors and operators of newsstands refused to handle the paper out of fear that they would be arrested on obscenity charges, the cofounders said.

In fact, Mr. Goldstein and Mr. Buckley have each been arrested 10 times on obscenify charges, and they have had to pay \$210,000 in legal costs for 162 newsdealers arrested for selling Screw.



Associated Press
Al Goldstein

into Mafia distribution," Mr. luckley said during an interview in his offices at 116 West 4th Street.

Mr. Goldstein and Mr. Buckley eventually signed a contract with Star Distributors, who agreed to handle the paper outside New York, but not in the city.

Mr. Goldstein said that he did not know why Star refused to distribute the paper within the city, but law enforcement officials believe the reason is that Star is linked with the De Cavalcante Mafia family in New Jersey who feared angering New York Mafia families by encroaching on their territory. In need of a New York dis-

In need of a New York distributor, Mr. Goldstein turned to an independent group of three men who began distributing the paper in the city, but he quickly discovered that the men had little experience or competence, in distributing newspapers.

An O.K. From Blast i

His dissatisfaction with his Niw York distributors reached the cars of Peter Diapoulos, the Gallo gang member, and his partner at the time, Robert Bongiove, who is also known as Bobby Darrow. They considered it an excellent business possibility.

"We went to see Blast [Albert Gallo] and got his O.K. to try to move in," Mr. Diapoulos lecalled recently. "Then we went to Goldstein and told him we could solve all his problems for him if he'd let us distribute his papers. He told us it was O.K. with him if we would settle things with the three guys that were doing it."

According to Mr. Diapoulos, the three men were at first reluctant to give up the distribution and maintained that! they were with Vincent Gigante, a reported captain in the family of the late Vito Genovese.

Mr. Diapoulas arranged "sit-down" — an arbitration meeting - with the three and Mr. Gigante, who, he said, disclaimed any connection with

Nevertheless, the three still refused to turn over the distributorship, according to Mr. Diapoulas. "So we got a bunch of guys from President Street [the Gallo headquarters] and started busting up their trucks." Quickly the three independent distributors capitulated.

At the start Mr. Diapoulas and his partner, Mr. Bongiove. who is now serving a life term for murder, rented a truck and indertook the distribution of screw by themselves. But ht proved so profitable (the two) pornographic papers.

"By that time I was tired together. of the whole thing," Mr. Dia-DiMatteo in there."

inal New York distributors. According to Mr. Goldstein, within two months and Star although he added, "but I don't between \$5,000 and 100,000 within six weeks," he said.

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two "disturbing" encounters each paper sold in New York Screw. with underworld types. Once and 30 cents for each paper "The he said, four men came to him sold outside the city. and said he should end his relationship with Astro Newt and deal with them instead the pie the company must pay

men walked into Mr. Gold-street-level sellers. stein's office, put a gun to his "The deal stinks," said Mr. tributors, law-enforcement offi-

in my life," he recalled. "I real-won't come near me." juick score."

The agreements between

paid themselves each \$600 a Milky Way and the distributors \$2 and I'll get \$1.07 of that, "Vicek and the business made an of Screw are weighted heavily which is a much better split" average of \$800 a week profittin favor of Astro and Star. he said. "But the distributor dn top of that) that Albert Under the agreement Milky will have the right to censor Gallo decided to set up a regu-¡Way has little control over what goes in the magazine. It's lar company to handle the dis-printing, distribution or book- the only way I could make a tribution of Screw and other keeping after the paper is put deal, although I hate myself for it."

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and deal with them instead the pie the company must pay or the Pope," he said. "In fact, about it and never heard from all legal fees if there is an arthur again."

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Although other publishers of The second incident occurred whether it involves the dispornographic papers grumble two years ago, he said. Two tributors, the printers or the about the division of profits

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Mafia and they told me no, forthcoming monthly periodical train they're on rolling, Screw.

When an issue is ready, it is In addition to editorial freepoulas said, "And he put Ricky taken from the offices of Milky dom, Mr. Goldstein said, there Way, at 116 West 14th Street dom, Mr. Goldstein said, there to the paper's printer, Palaniare other advantages to doing "I Don't Doubt It" Printing Company, at 5377 business with the Masia. For Mr. Goldstein confirmed the Kings Highway in Brooklyn one thing, he said he got his details of the negotiations with After the newspaper is printed, money faster than he would Mr. Diapoulas and Mr. Bon trucks from Astro and Star from other distributors. Most giove. But he said he did not pick up the papers and distrib-distributors, he explained, pay know that strong-arm tactics ute them to newsstands and several months after the date

During an interview in his Slightly less than half are censored what goes into Screw, East Side apartment, Mr. Gold-distributed in New York by Mr. Goldstein said. "They've stein said that he did not feel Astro News and the rest to tried a few times, but when

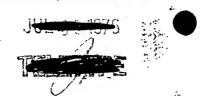
'As long as 1 produce money for a dollar and the national that Mr. Goldstein's underfor them, I feel my life is safe, edition for \$1.25. Milky Way world associates are always The New York edition sells! That is not to say, however,

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"Both the publishers and the ized then what a real coward He said he had contracted organized crime people that I am. Later, I asked the people with a "legitimate" distributor, they deal with know they need I deal with if the men were P.D.C., Inc., to distribute a each other to keep the gravy they were punks out to make a - a glossy magazine version of Detective Donald Gray of the Police Department. "It's a mui "The magazine will sell for tually rewarding arrangement."

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Investigation has been and continues to be conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in an effort to effect the arrest of Robert James DeSalvo and Anthony Joseph Peraino. Both of these individuals are being sought pursuant to warrants issued in the Western Judicial District of Tennessee. These warrants are in possession of the United States Marshal, Memphis, Tennessee.

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